

### FORT MILL MELAUGE.

Pithy Points Gathered for the Perusal of Times Readers.

Mr. George Williams, of Lancaster, is visiting his sister, Mrs. T. M. Hughes.

Mr. J. W. Ardrey is attending the annual meeting of the State grand lodge of Masons, which is in session in Charleston.

A small annex is being built to the store of the Fort Mill Mfg. Company. The work is being done by labor employed by the day.

Mr. Z. V. Bradford is superintending the construction of a nine-room dwelling for Mr. Jas. Barber, in Catawba township, near Watson's ferry.

The ladies of the Baptist church in this place will give an oyster supper at the restaurant of Ira G. Smythe on Friday evening at 7.30. The proceeds are to be devoted to the incidental expenses of the church.

There are a number of low-down white men and negroes in this place who ought to have to do duty on the county chain gang for about six months. One seldom hears of a more disgraceful incident than the one in which the aforesaid worthies are said to have taken part Saturday night. The incident was investigated by Intendant Grier, but sufficient evidence against the guilty parties could not be brought out to warrant a trial.

### Confederate Veterans Honored.

A few months ago at a special meeting of the Fort Mill chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, a resolution was adopted pledging the chapter to present a cross of honor to every Confederate veteran in this township, as a token of the esteem in which they are held for their services in behalf of the Lost Cause, as soon as the necessary money could be raised with which to buy the crosses. Since that meeting every member of the chapter has labored untiringly in the interest of the undertaking. Monday afternoon witnessed the consummation of their efforts and there are now half a hundred veterans in this community wearing on the lapel of their coats a badge of honor which is prized as are the decorations of sovereigns in the old world.

On the face of the cross of honor, which is made of bronze, pretty in design, and about 2 inches long by 1 inch in width, is the Confederate battle-flag, surrounded by a laurel wreath, with the inscription, "Cross of Honor;" on the reverse, the motto of the Confederate States, "Deo Vindice (God our vindicator), 1861-65," with the inscription, "From the U. D. C. to the U. C. V." The cross is pendant from a small bronze bar, containing a panel in which the name of the veteran and his command can be engraved.

The exercises incident to the presentation of the crosses began by the local camp of Confederate veterans being called to order by the commander, Mr. A. S. White. After a touching prayer by Rev. Mr. Stough, of Pineville, N. C., a trained chorus of seven boys and eight girls, most of whom were either the children or grandchildren of Confederate veterans, sang two verses of "Carolina" and the "Bonnie Blue Flag." Then the chorus and audience joined in singing "Dixie;" and the spirit in which it was sung was enough to make every Southern heart go out in love and veneration for the heroes who thirty-five years ago offered their all upon the altar of the same "Dixie" of which we today delight to hear in both song and story. The next feature of the exercises was the reading, by Rev. Dr. J. H. Thornwell, of the presentation speech of the Daughters of the Confederacy, which was signed by Mrs. Dr. J. H. Thornwell, president of the chapter, and Miss Eda McMurray, secretary. The speech follows:

Veterans of the Jefferson Davis Memorial Association: Carter Helm Jones, in a speech of welcome to the veterans in Louisville, Ky., addressed them as "citizens of immortality." The deafen-

ing applause which greeted this sentence proved the justness of the tribute, and as long as a patriot lives or a woman can trace her lineage to the "Land of Dixie" and the days of '61-'65, the title is our heirloom. Veterans, your mothers, wives, sisters and daughters come this afternoon to bestow upon you the cross of honor, not that it will add anything to your glory, for that is impregnable, but we desire to honor you while living and to cheer your latter days by the knowledge of the fact that your brave deeds and self-sacrificing spirit of over one-third of a century ago are still remembered and highly appreciated. The heroes that lie buried in our Southern soil and some perchance in far away Northern graves have either their names carved upon monuments of marble, brass or bronze or are included in the shafts that bear the inscription to "Our Unknown Dead."

Resting under the shade of the trees with Lee, Jackson, Stuart and others, they have left a name unsullied and a character unspotted as a heritage of glory to their descendants, and we, the Daughters of the Confederacy, are proud to lay claim to the fact that our fathers, our husbands, our brothers and our sons when they could not come back with their shield come back upon it.

In the British Museum, in the city of London, there is found a marble slab containing the names of those who fell in battle and were buried in the Kerameikas of Athens. For 2,500 years this monument has stood guard to protect the names of the patriots of Greece. So may there rise from every haughty perpetual reminder of the faithful dead. These honors to our dead heroes is due to the fact that the offering of their life was accepted—their country needed their blood. It would be—

"A blame to them and a shame for us if we let the names of our dead perish.

No, no; they were brave for us, and bright were the lives they gave for us.

The land they struggled to save for us Will not forget its warriors' get, Who sleep in many a grave for us."

You, the survivors of 2,500 battles in which we contended for our Southern rights, made the offer of your lives and in the providence of God were permitted to return to your desolate homes. This cross of honor is an emblem of your immortality. The 20,000 Carolinians who were killed or died from wounds or sickness, live in our memories, but we would not deserve the noble blood that connects us with these purest of heroes if we did not appreciate the valiant services of the living; if we did not crown you with the laurel of affection as an appreciation of your toils and suffering on our behalf.

The remnants of the 17 regiments that surrendered at Appomattox, with the scattered brigades who laid down their arms at other places, are the greatest treasure of our noble State. And the highest duty of Southern womanhood is to see that their last days are made bright and happy and that their graves are wreathed with the laurels of love.

"Stoop, angels hither from the skies, There is no holier spot of ground Than where defeated valor lies, By mourning beauty crowned."

Accept at our hands, veterans, these crosses of honor as an evidence of our undying devotion to the principles for which you fought and of our pride in recognizing you as the fathers, the husbands, the brothers and sons of Fort Mill Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The reading of the presentation speech being concluded, Mr. L. N. Culp, vice-commander of the Confederate veterans, called the roll of those to whom crosses were to be awarded. As each veteran's name was called he stepped forward and the cross was pinned on his coat by one of the Daughters. The names of the veterans who were thus honored follows:

Thos. Alexander, J. M. Armstrong, W. T. Aderson, J. W. Ardrey, R. T. Bailey, John Payne, W. E. Boyd, P. S. Bennett, Robt. Barnes, J. P. Balles, J. H. Coltharp, L. N. Culp, J. W. Felts, W. A. Fisher, W. I. Jones, F. H. Johnston, C. J. Jennings, J. R. Kimbrell, J. S. Kimbrell, S. A. Kell, A. H. Merritt, Bowman Merritt, Thos. Merritt, R. A. P. Merritt, J. B. Mack, S. P. Massey, T. B. Meacham, P. K. Mull, J. T. Nivens, W. H. Nicholson, R. G. Pearson, W. M. Patterson, A. J. Patterson, S. L. Patterson, W. T. Potts, W. C. Perry, K. Shannon, Ira G. Smythe, T. C. Spratt, W. H. Stenall, S. A. Stewart, Crockett Enville, K. Shannon, J. H. Thornwell, A. S. White, S. E. White, M. M. Wolfe, G. W. Wilkinson, J. H. Kimbrell, J. Q. Cousart.

The following gentlemen, who are members of the local camp of veterans, will be awarded crosses as soon as they can be received from the manufacturers.

J. H. Osborne, Z. T. Eathes, J. P. Epps, S. H. Epps, W. S. McLeland, L. A. Patterson.

Immediately after the presentation exercises were concluded, a sumptuous dinner was served the veterans in the town hall by the Daughters.

### Ex-Senator Irbey Passes Away.

Col. John L. M. Irbey, former United States Senator, prominent lawyer and distinguished citizen of South Carolina, died at his home in Laurens Sunday morning, aged 45 years and 3 months. The end came at 8 o'clock after an attack of Bright's disease. It was known several days ago that his condition was extremely critical and recovery very doubtful, still the announcement of his death was a shock to a majority in the section in which he lived. Col. Irbey was a man of remarkable fine physical development and battled against the deadly inroads with all the tenacity of his being, but had to yield to the grim monster.

The funeral exercises were conducted at Laurens cemetery by the Masons, with which fraternity he was prominently identified locally having been but recently elected worshipful master of Palmetto Lodge No. 19, and at the reorganization this year of Rising Sun Chapter No. 6, Royal Arcanum, he was made high priest, an honor worthily bestowed. In religion Col. Irbey was a Baptist, his membership being with Holly Grove Baptist church, that county.

Mr. T. B. Belk tells The Times that the two-column advertisement which he is running in another column has brought to his store a number of new customers.

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### TAX RETURNS FOR 1901.

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Yorkville, S. C., December 1, 1900. On January 2, 1901, the Auditor of York county will begin taking returns of personal property for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 1901. The law requires all persons to return all personal property in their possession on January 1, 1901, before the expiration of the time allowed, which is February 20, 1901, after which time the fifty per cent. penalty will attach to delinquents.

All transfers of real estate since last return must be noted, as indicated on the blank return. All improvements by new building or otherwise must be given.

For the convenience of taxpayers, the auditor will make the following statement to take returns:

At Fort Mill, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the 23d, 24d and 25th days of January, 1901.

All males between the ages of 21 and 60 years, except those who are liable to a \$1 poll tax.

As personal property is to be returned annually, no returns will be required, "same as last year," but must be itemized and sworn to.

Real estate being assessed only every four years, can be returned "same as last year," unless changes have been made since last return, such as buying, selling or improvements. Such changes are to be reported to the auditor.

W. W. BOYCE, County Auditor.

December 5, 1900.

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L. J. MASSEY.

### HOLIDAY GOODS OF

Santa Claus has agreed to be with us and you know plenty of room, and in order to accommodate him we have put the knife into several lines of goods. On Jackets will cut deep, as we have too many. If you are in need come to see us. We guarantee you a saving. We have pieces of Dress Goods which we will close out at a bargain. On December 19th we will publish a letter to Santa Claus. We want you all to read it.

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- NUTS. Brazils, Almonds, Pecans, Walnuts, Coconuts, etc.
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